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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 12.

Identification of prior art discussed: USPN 5,414,858 (HOFFMAN).

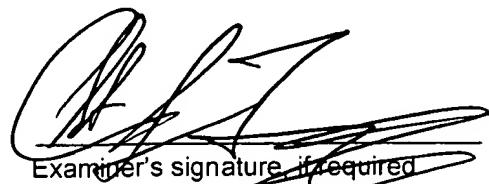
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The representative for Applicant and Examiner discussed the differences between the invention of the instant application and the Hoffman reference. The Examiner and representative for Applicant discussed some possible resolutions to help distinguish the invention from the prior art of record. The Examiner will take further action upon the reception of a formal response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Title: Data Processing Systems and Method  
for Processing Work Items in Such Systems**REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW AND AGENDA**

Further to a brief discussion earlier today, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview regarding the above-identified application at 3pm (Eastern) on Monday, February 4, 2008.

The undersigned would like to discuss the final rejection of claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,414,858 to Hoffman et al. (hereinafter "Hoffman"), as set forth in the Final Office Action dated December 7, 2007. This Final Office was issued in response to an amendment dated October 11, 2007, in which Applicants amended claim 12 so as to further clarify the distinctions between the conventional polling techniques taught by Hoffman and the inventive techniques described in the present specification at, for example, pages 12-13. Applicants would like to work with the Examiner to determine whether this amendment, or a further amendment, could overcome Hoffman so as to result in allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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